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## CHANGES TO SCHEDULE II PRESCRIPTIONS April 15, 2010

The Drug Enforcement Administration recently reiterated to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy the importance of the prescriber filling out prescriptions for Schedule II drugs correctly. This includes their having their DEA number on the face of the prescription. Recently adopted rules for multiple Schedule II prescriptions by the Drug Enforcement Administration appeared to conflict with the long standing DEA policy regarding what a pharmacist may change on a Schedule II prescription after consultation with the prescribing practitioner. In the preamble to the Rule, DEA stated that "essential elements of the [schedule II] prescription written by the practitioner (such as the name of the controlled substance, strength, dosage form, and quantity prescribed)....may not be modified orally."

The DEA followed up with a statement" *DEA recognizes the Resultant Confusion regarding this conflict and plans to resolve this matter through a future rule making. Until that time, pharmacists are instructed to adhere to state regulations or policy regarding those changes that a pharmacist may make to a schedule II prescription after oral consultation with the prescriber.*"

The Kansas Board of Pharmacy (KBOP) on April 15, 2010 is submitting the instruction that the following four (4) items on a Schedule II prescription **MAY NOT BE CHANGED.**

Name of the patient  
Name of the drug  
Name of the prescribing physician  
Date of the prescription

Any other item, such as the strength of the drug, quantity of the drug, and directions for use, **MAY BE CHANGED PROVIDED,** the pharmacist:

- (1) contacts the prescribing physician and obtains verbal permission for the change: and
- (2) documents on the prescription the following information:
  - (a) change that was authorized
  - (b) name or initials of the individual granting the authorization; and
  - (c) initials of the pharmacist

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